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PRINCE FUSHIMI.

The loyalty of the local Japanese to the Imperial House was shown yesterday by various forms of entertainment in honor of Prince Fushimi and by the proximity, wherever he went, of reverent throngs of his humble countrymen.

Prince Fushimi did not visit the United States mainland during his present trip and there was some criticism in the papers to the effect that he had not been invited. Probably this was not true as to an invitation, but the Prince could hardly have been expected to accept while a guest of the British government, especially in view of the fact that he had visited the United States not long before.

The visit of the Prince to England and its colonies, moreover, seems to have been wholly in the interest of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. His Highness was given special military and naval honors and the British royal family did their best to make his stay not only agreeable to him but significant in a political sense. The effect in Japan, as a perusal of the Japanese papers shows, has been most satisfactory.

NEW YORK PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL.

The Public Utilities Act of New York went into effect July 1. This is said to be one of the most far-reaching and searching measures for the control, by the state, of corporations, that was ever attempted by an American Commonwealth. Its course through the legislature was bitterly contested, but it was finally carried, largely through the influence of Governor Hughes.

The act creates two boards of five members each, one to have jurisdiction in Greater New York, and the other to have jurisdiction in the remainder of the state. The members of these boards are appointed by the Governor and are removable by him. They will receive large salaries commensurate with the responsibilities of their office.

These boards have direct control of companies engaged in the transportation of passengers or freight, and of all companies furnishing light, whether by gas or electricity. The telegraph and telephone companies, for some reason, are not put under the control of these boards.

The commissioners are to see that the service rendered by any company under its jurisdiction is safe and adequate, and the charges for it just and without discrimination. No stock or bonds can be issued without being first authorized by the commissioners. The commissioners can not authorize the capitalization of any franchise in excess of the amount actually paid for it. Where corporations merge there shall be no capitalization of the contract or lease which is the basis of the merger. No corporation without the consent of the commissioners can purchase more than ten per cent of the stock of any railroad or common carrier.

As indicating the effect the law is expected to have on such enterprises in the future, it is said that the Inter-urban Traction Company, which was organized to operate the subway, could not have absorbed the elevated lines and then the surface railroad system, which had already been reorganized three times. These consolidations created a complete monopoly in inter-urban transportation, and involved such enormous over-capitalization as has imposed tremendous burdens on the public.

The operation of this law will be watched with very great interest. Secretary Root said in a speech, some time ago, that if the states did not undertake the regulation of their corporations, the Federal government would have to, and in so doing, would take away from the states these unused powers. This law seems to be New York's answer to Root's threat.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Professor Metchnikoff, one of the cloistered scientists of the Pasteur Institute, says that old age is a thing that nobody need die of. Its antidote is sour milk prepared after a recipe known to the mountain people of Bulgaria, who, it is said, are the Methuselahs of this age.

According to this learned man, as interpreted by an irreverent western paper, "old age is caused by the leucocytes, or white corpuscles of the blood, which ordinarily fight against and devour the disease germs that enter the human body; such faithful and vigilant defenders are they that this great savant terms them the 'home guard' of the human system. There comes a time, however—we describe it by saying 'age is creeping on'—when the milk of kindness in the leucocytes' breast is turned to clabber, as it were, by the fact that ungrateful man ceases to furnish them with the food on which they live, by reason of the putrefaction of his digestive juices, or some scientific trifle of that sort, and then the loyalty of the 'home guard' is sapped—naturally enough, for no soldier will fight well on an empty stomach—and they rise in rebellion and turn on their human master and eat up his life's juices, leaving him as dry and stringy and withered as a sponge. That brings on the condition which we call old age."

"Professor Metchnikoff has discovered that the juices on which these infinitesimal animalcules, the leucocytes, normally feed are contained in sour milk, and consequently as long as a human being drinks plenty of sour milk they will obtain their usual nutriment and remain faithful to their job of preserving instead of destroying human life. Consequently, if you would live a century or more drink lots of sour milk. M. Metchnikoff keeps a large bowl of his Bulgarian decoction constantly by his side and takes a sup whenever he thinks about it, and although in his sixties he feels and looks as young as a man of thirty. In fact, he is a remarkably strong and well-preserved man, full of life and health. He maintains that Buffon, the famous naturalist, was right when he claimed that by analogy with other animals man's normal age should reach at least 140 years, and that ultimately mankind will learn how to extend his term of years to that point, and in exceptional cases as far as 200 years."

Something of the same line of reasoning is applied to buttermilk and another one to distilled water as an antidote for old age.

We are not so sure as some of the doctors here seem to be that ice cream has little to do with the intestinal troubles that prevail under the name of ptomaine poisoning. It used to be the understanding back East that ice cream which had melted and then been frozen again, makes people sick. Village families that ate the left-over ice cream from church socials were among the most eager patients of country doctors. They wanted help and wanted it quickly. Here in Honolulu a fair amount of poor ice cream is consumed, some of which, especially that bought from carts, has doubtless been kept alternating between thaws and freezes for days at a time. We are also in the melon season now and a deal of California fruit is in the market. The mango is also "in our midst." Why attribute the prevailing aches to Nuanu water when so many really better reasons may be assigned?

Race prejudice is strong and self-complacency large in America, because its people rarely see any but the lower types of foreigners—those who come by steerage. To them all Italians are dirty, all Germans beery, all Irishmen unlettered, all Scandinavians butts of ridicule and all Japanese are coolies. It is one of the enlightenments of European and Asiatic travel to learn how unjust these impressions are and what a fine body of men constitute the representative people of all these races. Were the people of the world able to mingle, as the people of an American city or state do, the era of misunderstandings would vanish and the outrage of war cease. Insularity or the provincial experience makes most of the international mischief.

The Monmouth is the finest British warship which has been seen in port since the Amphitrite was here a few months before the Japan-Russian conflict. It is noticeable in her case as in that of the Amphitrite that the ship wears a business garb of warpaint. This is as it should be. A fighting ship, ready for sharp work at any time, is the kind of a ship to have. These floating summer hotels, glistening in white paint and gilding, look little enough like the navigable fortresses they are supposed to be.

Korea does not seem able to recognize that she is a mere province of Japan. Here she is protesting to the Peace Conference, at The Hague, against Japan's assumption of sovereignty. If the Korean Emperor don't look out Japan won't even let him board in the place.

Perhaps those earthquakes in New Hampshire are a warning to that state to let Mrs. Eddy alone.

BOOSTING THE HAWAIIAN TRIP

The San Diego Union is boosting hard for the San Diego to Honolulu excursion, in its issue of June 19 saying editorially:

"The plan for an excursion from San Diego to Hawaii should find favor. It will appeal to many from the standpoint of both pleasure and business. A trip to the islands is always delightful. For recreation, rest and the general advantages of travel, few journeys that can be taken are more desirable. Its practical side is even more important. Acquaintance is a potent factor for trade. This fact is becoming recognized more fully in California in these days, than was the case formerly. All over these southern counties there is a disposition among the different localities to become better acquainted. Excursions to the 'back country,' such as the recent one from this city to the Imperial Valley are becoming popular. It is realized that they are an advantage alike to the excursionists and to those who are visited."

"At the present time it is very desirable that the people of this city, especially the business men, should pave the way for more extensive commercial relations with the rich island territory in the Pacific, and the first step in that direction is better acquaintance. The building of the direct line of railway from San Diego to the east will necessarily make new traffic alignments. There is every reason to believe that this future avenue of transportation will be utilized very largely for transpacific commerce. And that trade to and from Hawaii will be diverted to the short route between this city and the east, will not be doubted. So in view of it all, the time is opportune for the people of San Diego and Honolulu to know each other better."

"Besides, there will be the benefit of advertising this city. It is true that Hawaii is not the place from which San Diego expects to obtain many home seekers. The islanders themselves are in the field to get colonists. Still, Hawaii is a tourist region, and this city will gain by making its advantages known to the people who are there."

"But leaving out of consideration the sordid or business side, the excursion will be a mutual pleasure, alike to the people who will go from here, and to those whom they will meet on the islands. In Honolulu the San Diegans are sure of a cordial welcome. There has always been a certain bond between the two places, owing to the fact that there is quite a colony of San Diego people in the Hawaiian city, and while they are doubtless happy and contented there, they are like all others who have ever lived in San Diego—they retain a lively esteem for this city, and are deeply interested in all that relates to its welfare. There is no spot on earth equally distant from San Diego where people of this city will find more old friends than in Honolulu."

EXCELSIOR LODGE.

The following officers of Excelsior Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., were installed last evening: N. G., E. Farmer; V. G., J. Dutot; Secretary, L. L. La Pierre; P. G., Treasurer, E. A. Jacobson, P. G.; R. S. N. G., A. F. Clark, P. G.; L. S. N. G., R. A. Robbins, P. G.; Warden, J. Bailey; Conductor, H. C. Brown; R. S. V. G., W. Ellerbrook; L. S. V. G., J. Hodson; R. S. S., W. B. Bollster; L. S. S., L. Branch; I. G., C. A. Biddinger; O. G., H. B. Davis; Chaplain, A. Mackintosh, P. G.

The installing officers were E. C. Rowe, P. G.; W. G. S.; C. G. Bartlett, Grand Marshal; L. Schwartzberg, P. G.; Grand Warlen; W. F. Hall, P. G.; Grand Secretary; J. A. Magoon, P. G.; Grand Treasurer; H. Gehring, P. G.; Grand Inside Guardian.

The acreage of wheat in New South Wales, Australia, is stated by the official statistician at Sydney to be 2,296,000 acres, an increase of 43,000 over last year, and therefore a record for the state. The wheat harvest is estimated at 25,000,000 bushels, though with favorable conditions this may be greatly exceeded.

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